

## PICKED BY TYPE

### Observant Man Explains Average Stenographic Force.

Generally Selected as the Result of the Boss' Early Experience—Wife Sometimes an Influence.

"How do you account for the fact that in some offices all the stenographers are fat, in other offices all the stenographers are thin, and in still other offices are medium sized?" demanded the loquacious commuter, the New York Sun states.

"They aren't," replied the sleepy commuter crossly. "In offices I know there are thick, thin and medium sized stenographers, all together."

"No, you're wrong, old man," commented the loquacious commuter cheerfully. "I've given this matter my serious attention for some time. The offices where stenographers are of mixed sizes are the exception. In nine offices out of ten you'll find the stenographers all run true to form—whether the form is light, heavy or medium."

"It's the same way with coloring, in some of the offices all stenographers are dark and in other offices all, or almost all of the stenographers have medium coloring."

"Well, what's the answer?" sighed the sleepy commuter, resigning himself to instructions.

"My opinion is," explained the loquacious commuter happily, "that it's all due to the proprietor's early experience."

"When he began business and was only able to employ one stenographer, he happened to draw a plump one. She proved amiable, reliable, and just what he wanted, and without realizing it, he stored away in the back of his mind the experience that fat stenographers are desirable. When engaging stenographers ever since he has always leaned to this type. He may have had many good stenographers who were plump, but in a big office the work goes on in such a way that this would scarcely come to his attention. Quite unconsciously he continues to cling to the type he first favored."

"But suppose the plump stenographer whom he first employed proved a total loss?" questioned the sleepy commuter.

"That's just where it is!" said the loquacious commuter, happily. "In the event you speak of he would naturally store away in his inner consciousness a distrust of plump stenographers and in his selection would go to the other extreme—he would want the thinnest stenographer obtainable."

The sleepy commuter smiled irritably.

"That's a queer theory," he remarked, "but as a matter of fact, it isn't the boss who selects the stenographers, it's the office manager."

"The loquacious commuter looked delicately crestfallen and the sleepy commuter would have scored an unmitigated triumph if a commuting friend had not joined them as they disembarked."

"Say, have you been in Bill Jones' office recently?" asked the commuting friend. "He's got the greatest line of lady help that ever I saw—every one of 'em as round as a barrel. You see, Bill's wife is a heavyweight, and she won't stand for a girl in the office who tips the scale at less than 150."

**Strange Tribal Legend.**  
From the Navajo country, embracing the adjoining corners of Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, there has recently been smuggled one of the rarest patterns of Indian blankets that has been permitted to fall into the hands of white men. The pattern, described and illustrated in Popular Mechanics Magazine, is known as the "Yebitsai dancers," and involves a tribal tradition about which the Navajos are decidedly uncommunicative. The word "smuggled" is used advisedly, for the blanket was removed with extreme secrecy, inasmuch as knowledge by the Indians of its removal would have resulted in unpleasantness, to say the least.

Collectors of Indian curios, who have inspected the blanket assert that they have never seen another of the same pattern, although it has been understood that one of a similar type was obtained some years ago and sent to the Smithsonian Institution.

**Fierce.**

Gus, the eccentric little colored boy, was the pick of the school. In fact, every one from the professors on down picked on him. One afternoon he stayed to make up some chemistry work. Laboriously he worked, between interruptions—they were many, for as each of the boys passed, he bestowed a friendly, forcible slap on the shoulder or made some remark. Gus stood it for awhile. The climax came when some one, in passing, tweaked his ear. "Say," he said fiercely, "there's only two tough guys in this town and I'm both of them." He turned to find himself face to face with his instructor.

**Hard Water Softened by Peat.**

Hard water can be softened by merely pouring it through a bed of raw peat, the softening being caused by the formation of insoluble calcium and magnesium salts by reaction with acids that are normal constituents of the peat, and all the hardness is taken out of the water in passing through it. It is thought that if this process could be profitably adopted the result would be quite an achievement, as an economical outlet for peat would thus be found.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

The Christian Eastern was originally a sort of thanksgiving service lasting eight days.

Liquid oxygen is in practical use by a metal mining company at Pa-chuca, Mexico.

## BRECKENRIDGE

**Clark Mills Dead.**—Mr. Clark Mills, who has been in poor health for a long time, passed away at the state hospital in Traverse City. The body was brought to Breckenridge and the funeral was held in the M. E. Church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. John Clemens conducting the services. Interment took place in Breckenridge cemetery. Mr. Mills lived on his farm north of here about twenty years, and then bought a home in the village, where he lived several years. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son.

Under Sheriff Earl Willert of Ithaca arrested John Williams for transporting moonshine whiskey in Gratiot county. He also arrested John Sipka for manufacturing moonshine. Each man was sentenced to Ionia prison for a term of six months to one year, with recommendation of one year.

John Baldwin was surprised Friday evening by forty-five friends, the occasion being his eighteenth birthday anniversary. They went to Selbeck's woods and frankforts and marshmallows were roasted after which games were played and water melons were served.

Miss Edna Steinhoff entertained twenty-four guests at an evening of masquerading dancing Thursday. At midnight a supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tynon motored to Columbus, Ohio, the first of the week to attend the races, where the Breckenridge horse, Don McGregor, will be driven by R. B. Scoggins.

Dr. D. A. Curtis, Morris Eastman, Frank Young and Will Hopkins motored to Midland, Thursday, to attend the fair. From there they motored to Columbus, Ohio, to attend the grand circuit races.

Fred Smith, W. B. Fox, Wm. Alton and R. H. Gorsline motored to Houghton lake Wednesday for a few days' sport duck shooting and fishing.

Pay Anderson, formerly of this place, who is now assistant superintendent of a large cemetery at Flint, is attending the annual meeting of the National Association of Cemetery Superintendents at Omaha, Neb.

Rev. John Clemens, who has been the pastor of the M. E. Church in this place the past two years, has been assigned to the pastorate of the Ashbury M. E. Church at Traverse City. Rev. Clemens and family will remove to their new home next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Leash of Simcoe, Ontario, motored to Breckenridge, Sunday, to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCall and family.

## SUMNER

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Monroe of Lansing were Sunday guests at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Rose DuVall.

Melvin McClenathan of Lansing was a guest of the home folks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Audley Moore were visitors near Alma Sunday.

Mrs. George Dickinson was a business caller in Carson City the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beecher of Hubbardston were Sunday guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Abbie Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Cleverdon were Ithaca callers Friday evening.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mulford entertained their son, Arthur and wife and granddaughter, Mrs. Harold Skinner, of Maple Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Silvernall and two daughters of Ionia, Mr. Bolderson and wife of Eagle, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Clark of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Rella Lance of St. Johns visited the latter's father, Burt Clow, Sunday. Mr. Clow is slowly recovering from his accident.

Mr. George Wilkins returned home from Mayville Saturday.

Mrs. F. E. McClenathan was a St. Johns caller Monday.

John Ferris was a Vestaburg caller Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Connors and daughter and two children of Elm all called on friends here Thursday.

Several from here attended the sale at John Church's Thursday.

S. Hammett of Belding visited his sister, Mrs. D. Mulford, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mulford of Maple Rapids called on friends here Friday afternoon.

Charles Stafford and two daughters, Crystal, Sunday.

F. J. Tucker and wife of Alma were Summer visitors Wednesday.

Alfred McKinstry of Cleveland, O., who is visiting his parents, south of town, called on friends here Thursday.

Mrs. Samuel Cleverdon and Mrs. M. J. Worden visited Mrs. Worden's brother at Elm Hall Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Gorton entertained her brother and family of Remus over Sunday.

A. E. Fowler, Mrs. Rose DuVall and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McClenathan transacted business in Ithaca Saturday.

Mrs. Elmer McClellan and two children of Crystal called on relatives here Wednesday.

Mrs. L. C. Woodard has received the sad news of the death of her nephew, Karl Rosencrans, who met with an accident at the cement plant at Potosky, where he was employed, when a railing he was leaning against gave way letting him fall six feet on a cement floor, breaking his neck.

Mrs. Sarah Ross of Stanton is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lang.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lang and Mrs. Sarah Ross were Alma shoppers Wednesday.

Mrs. Inez Morey of Reed City was here soliciting funds for foreign missions. While here she was entertained at the home of Miss Viola Church and Mrs. T. Butler.

## EAST ALMA

The Markham family have moved into the George Carl house at the corner of Grove and Rosedale avenues.

The Robert Elder family and Mrs. Mildred B. Culp of Eastward street have moved to Mrs. Culp's farm at Blanchard.

The Herman D. Culp family have moved into the house formerly occupied by Robert Elder at the corner of Eastward street and Grove avenue.

Arthur McIntyre of Detroit was home over the week end visiting his folks on Michigan avenue.

Miss Margaret Pardee left Sunday for Mt. Pleasant where she is attending the Central Normal.

Mrs. Pearson, of Carl & Pearson, corner of Grover and Rosedale avenues, and her daughter Ruth visited with Mrs. Pearson's sister at Bannister over the week end.

Stewart Richey, Rosedale avenue, has secured the contract to supply barrels to the sugar factory.

The first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Club for this season will be held in Republic school on Wednesday evening, Oct. 4, at 7 o'clock. The program will be of a social nature and everybody is warmly invited.

Mr. J. H. Mockridge from Concord, Jackson county, visited his relatives in Alma over the week end.

The Al Grove family, Elmwood avenue, attended a religious conference over the week end.

Clarence Humphrey, Grove avenue, who met with a serious auto accident, was able to be brought home to his lodging with the Cole family on Tuesday. His many friends are glad to know he is out of danger, and hope he will soon be able for his duties at the Superior Bakery.

The Vincent Circle of the M. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Porter, 114 Grove avenue, on Friday afternoon, Oct. 6. This circle will hold a baked goods sale the first Saturday of each month. Watch for the signs in the store windows telling where the sale will be.

Mr. and Mrs. Hacket and son of Lansing were the guests of the Frank Porer family Sunday.

## SOUTHEAST COE

The home coming of the Church of Christ will be held next Sunday. There will be speakers from several different places, also special music. The public is invited to come and spend the day with the people at Coe.

Ella Leonard, who has been a resident of Coe for fifty-four years, and Rev. Cook, a former minister of this place but now of Chesaning, were united in marriage last Monday at Mt. Pleasant. In the evening a number of neighbors and friends gave them a belling. They will make their home near Chesaning on Mr. Cook's farm.

The entertainment and fair held at the school house last Friday evening was enjoyed by all. The teacher and children sure did some hard work which shows they are interested in their school work.

Fred Gay and family entertained Mr. Gay's mother and sister Pearl of Alma from Sunday until Tuesday noon.

John Johnson and wife of Florida, N. Johnson and wife of Shepherd, Tom Pettie and wife, also Floyd McNaughton and family were callers at the home of E. G. Fordyce Sunday.

Mrs. Byers returned home Thursday from Alma where she spent a few days at the home of her son, Hugh Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gay and son Vern visited Mrs. Gay's cousin near Beebe Sunday.

## ELM HALL

Mrs. John Slater is entertaining her sister from Detroit.

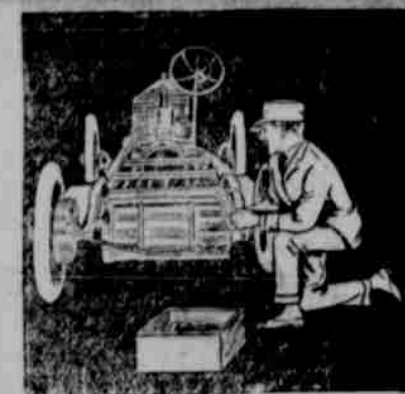
Hubert Hicks was in Harrison and Clare on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winters and family of Alma and Mrs. Arthur Sprague and children of Ithaca spent the week end with their mother, Mrs. Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Slater and daughter, Beatrice, of Stanton, visited his parents Sunday.

Mrs. Roy King and children of Bay City, who have been visiting relatives here, returned to their home Sunday.

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Round steak, lb.	25c	Malina in bulk, lb.	24c
Hamburg steak, lb.	14c	Cane sugar, cwt.	\$7.25
Pork steak, lb.	18c	New honey, lb.	25c
Fresh pork in chunk, lb.	13c-18c	Rice, good quality, 3 lbs.	22c
Baron home cured, lb.	27c	Cocoa, qt. jar	20c
Pure pork sausage, lb.	10c	Japan tea, good quality, lb.	50c
Lard, home rendered, lb.	17c	Black Cross Tea, lb.	70c
Fresh pork chops, lb.	10c	Coffee in bulk good quality	
Smoked hams, sugar cured		per lb.	28c-35c
half or whole, lb.	20c	Ginger Snaps, lb.	12c
Smoked ham butts, 4-5 lbs.		Fig bars, lb.	15c
per lb.	15c	Marshmallows, lb.	20c
Venal for stewing, lb.	14c-20c	Karo Syrup, 5 lb can	25c
Venal roasts, lb.	24c	Cocoa in bulk, lb.	15c
Venal cutlets, lb.	25c-35c	Pastry Flour, sack	85c
Spring chickens, lb.	30c	Macaroni, 3 lbs.	25c
Yearling Fowls, fresh		Laundry Soap, 5 bars	19c
dressed, lb.	30c	Toilet Soap, best quality,	
Genuine Spring Lamb Roasts,		5 bars	25c
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